



## Weapon increases B-2 capabilities

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Public Affairs

A new weapon for the B-2 arsenal helps put fewer aircrew members at risk while increasing the lethal effectiveness of the bomber.

The Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile is a low-observable, highly survivable, subsonic cruise missile designed to penetrate next-generation air defense systems, said Maj. Raymond Scherr, 509th Operations Support Squadron Weapons Flight commander.

"The JASSM fits perfectly with current B-2 operations because the missile's effectiveness reduces the number of weapons and sorties required to destroy high-threat targets," he said.

The missile can operate in areas with high threats and countermeasures while minimizing aircrew exposure to enemy air defenses.

This weapon is capable of being launched from hundreds of miles away from a target instead of tens of miles. It also provides an all-weather launch-and-leave capability against fixed and relocatable targets that are above ground or against hardened, shallow buried point targets.

It's designed to attack fixed point targets requiring precision targeting, guided by a global positioning system and an inertial navigation system.

There is one difference in this weapon, though.

"The JASSM is powered by a small motor, while all our other weapons just fall or glide to the target with help from gravity and an attached guidance kit," Scherr said.

So far, only 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron aircrews have tested the missile. The 325th and 393rd Bomb



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

**Senior Airman Phil Mize, 509th Maintenance Group, trains Airmen 1st Class Chris Urbano and Monterey Sellers, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, how to inspect a Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile.**

squadrons, and the 394th Combat Training Squadron will soon be involved with the new weapon, along with maintenance and weapons load teams, the major said.

"Pilots will undergo the same or very similar training that is currently used to practice with our other J-series weapons like the Joint Direct Attack Munition and the Joint Stand-Off Weapon," Scherr said. "This will include simulator training and simulated bombing missions in the jet."

The JASSM weighs 2,250 pounds and is 168 inches long. No modifications are required on the B-2; it will be carried on the standard rotary launcher assembly, he said.

## 442nd FW celebrates 60th anniversary

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Huntington

442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

History visits the 442nd Fighter Wing this weekend as the unit's World War II predecessors gather at Whiteman for the 442nd Troop Carrier Group's 60th anniversary reunion.

Group members will tour the base and view 442nd FW and 509th Bomb Wing assets including the A-10 and the B-2.

Activated at Sedalia Army Air Field on Sept. 3, 1943, the 442nd TCG joined other units here for power and glider pilot training flying the Douglas C-47 Dakota and the WACO CG-4A glider in the skies over central Missouri.

What the new 442nd pilots of that day did not have in experience they made up for in bravado.

"Somewhere over the Lake of the Ozarks, (the pilots) would try to ripple the water from an extremely low pass," said Seymour Shapiro, an engineering officer in the 442nd TCG's 304th Troop Carrier Squadron.

In mid-December of that year group members left Missouri for additional training at other U.S. bases before their departure for England and the war in March 1943.

On June 6, 1944, 45 C-47s from the 442nd TCG — or about five percent of the allied aircraft used for D-Day — para-dropped members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division near St. Mere Eglise, France, in advance



Courtesy photo

**Matthew Yeaman smiles for the camera from a 442nd Troop Carrier Group C-47 emblazoned K-K-Katy. K-K-Katy was the title of a popular song during the war. Yeaman was a crew chief with the 305th Troop Carrier Squadron.**

of the seaborne invasion of Europe.

The 442nd went on to participate in several operations during World War II, including the Rome-Arno Campaign, Operation Market-Garden in Holland and were later based at a captured German airfield near the town of St. Andre de L'Eure, France.

The local inhabitants were grateful for their new American friends.

"You must understand, we had been under (German occupation) so long," Pierre Bertin, a St. Andre resident, said last year. "There is no describing the feeling of liberation."

Near the end of the war, the group was moved to Munich, Germany, and assisted in the repatriation of former concentration camp internees.

On Monday, Sept. 30, 1946, its war mission concluded, the 442nd TCG deactivated and its members returned to their homes in the states.

When group members return here, they'll meet members of today's 442nd FW and learn how their namesakes have carried on in their footsteps.

"We're very excited to host the 442nd's reunion on our 60th anniversary," said Col. Roger Disrud, 442nd FW commander.

"Their efforts in World War II established a tradition of excellence that our members always try to uphold. We will continue to carry them as our standards on into the future," the colonel said.

## Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

**Col. Patrick and Mary Cord**

Incoming 442nd Fighter Wing Commander

**442nd Carrier Group 60th Anniversary Reunion**

**Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bosslift**

## 9-Line Target



**Remember Sept. 11— the fight for freedom continues**

## News in Brief

### BCC luncheon set

The base community council luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Mission's End. The menu is chicken Caesar salad. The cost is \$7.50. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. with a MasterCard or Visa credit card to the public affairs office by noon Monday at 687-6151.

### Top 3 schedules induction ceremony

The Whiteman Top 3 is holding a senior NCO induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at Mission's End. Dress is semi-formal or mess dress. The cost is \$14.75 for club members and \$16.75 for non-members. To sign up, call your first sergeant.

### Case lot sale scheduled

The commissary hosts a case lot sale 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 13 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 14. Customers can expect significant bargains during the two-day event. For more details, call 687-5655.

### Free CMSU tickets available

Central Missouri State University offers free tickets to military members and their families for the game against Langston University at 7 p.m. Thursday. Pick up tickets at the game by showing your military ID.

### Military author speaks at CMSU

Free tickets to hear James Bradley, author of "Flags of our Fathers," are available at the public affairs office in Bldg 509. Bradley speaks at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hendricks Hall at Central Missouri State University.

## Weather

### Saturday

Partly Cloudy



H 85 °

L 57 °

### Sunday

Partly Cloudy



H 86 °

L 60 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



# Commander's Corner

By Col. Ned Schoeck

509th Bomb Wing Vice Commander

**9-11 Not Forgotten** — Thursday marks two years since the horrific attacks on our nation in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. — and the subsequent start of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

Everyone of you here at Whiteman has played a crucial role in defending our nation's way of life against this latest threat. Take a moment to remember those whom we have lost, both on and since Sept. 11, 2001. We have accomplished a lot as a team — effectively taking out the brutal regimes in Afghanistan and Iraq — but we must be ever more vigilant if we are to continue protecting this country's freedoms. Remember the past — but be prepared for



File photo

**Chaplain (Maj.) Patrick Fletcher recites a prayer during Knob Noster's "9-11 — A Day to Remember" ceremony Sept. 11, 2002.**

the future. No one wants war — but we must be trained and ready if our leaders call on us in the event of conflict.

**Hail and Farewell** — As part of the 442nd's festivities this weekend, Col. Roger Disrud will turn over command

of the unit to Col. Patrick Cord.

Colonel Disrud will be retiring after 36 years of outstanding service to his country. Under his leadership, the partnership between the 442nd and the 509th has been tremendous.

All our best to Roger, Darlene and their family as they start the next chapter in their lives. To Colonel Cord and his wife, Mary — welcome to the Whiteman community!

We hope the strong bond between the 509th and the 442nd is made even stronger while you are here!

**Train like we fight** — The Phase II exercise is next week and the emphasis is on training. In four days, we plan to teach about 2,700 of our people the new Counter-Chemical Warfare CONOPS, and to refresh our procedures for operating in a deployed environment.

These are critical skills as we continue to support the Global War on Terrorism, so take every opportunity next week to ensure you're ready to fight when called.

**Don't Let Your Guard Down** — This weekend, we lost a recently retired member of the 509th family.

Tech. Sgt. Rusti Rideout, formerly of the chapel staff, was killed in a vehicle accident.

A memorial service takes place at 11 a.m. today at Higinville Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In a separate incident, one of our airmen was struck by a civilian motorcyclist and severely injured. These accidents are salient reminders that solely thinking of yourself and loved ones on the road is not enough — we need to be keenly aware of the others on the road.

## Take advantage of the best four-letter word in the Air Force

By Maj. Bruce Bartholomew

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander

When I was a child, I learned that my meager 85-cent allowance didn't buy a lot. I also learned that I could get a lot of stuff for free. Even though I'm a major, I still find myself looking for free bargains to stretch my pay. I've found some great treasures during my career and want to share them with you.

The first free treasure is software for your personal computer. If you're a Department of Defense employee, you're authorized to download and use free anti-virus and firewall software on your home computer. All you need to do is visit <http://www.cert.mil> from your computer at work and download versions of the virus protection and firewall software.

You can burn them to a compact disk and take them home to install on your home computer. If you need help, ask your work group manager. The Air Force provides this software to reduce the number of computer problems brought from home.

Another great treasure is our free medical care. In today's Air Force, we're blessed with some of the best care in the world. There are many people who would dearly love to have same-day access to physicians and not have a single insurance payment. Our hospitals are world-class facilities and one of the best



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

**Maj. Bruce Bartholomew, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, reviews Air Force benefits PowerPoint slides with members of his staff.**

in the world is Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base Texas.

Those of us on active duty get this care for free. If you're like me, you've enrolled your family in Tricare Prime and realized this nearly free care is also an outstanding benefit.

After being seen by some of the best physicians in the world, another treasure we get is free medicine. Every time you

get your medicine at the clinic's pharmacy, you don't pay one penny. Given the cost of some medicines, this is another way to stretch those hard-earned paychecks.

However, we also have a benefit to help keep us fit and healthy our base gymnasium. The gym has the equipment for improving aerobic health and strength.

In addition the gym and the health and

wellness center offer classes to teach you healthier eating and proper exercise techniques. What's the cost to use these excellent facilities and programs? It's free.

Taking care of our bodies is important, but taking care of our minds is equally important. Our Air Force also provides us with an excellent opportunity to strengthen our minds by paying the tuition for college degrees. Whether you're working on your associate's or bachelor's degree, our Air Force pays the tuition bill. We do have to pay for books and lab supplies, but having all of the tuition paid is a huge burden off of our paychecks.

Are there other free programs? You bet! The best program to help you stretch your dollar is at the family support center. The financial specialists there can look at your family budget and offer suggestions on how to pay off your debts, save for the future and to make your money work harder for you. What's the cost of this financial counseling? Free!

Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize winning economist, said, "There is no such thing as a free lunch."

Our Air Force is providing us a "free lunch" with programs like free medical care, prescriptions, tuition and financial planning. All we have to do is pull up to the table and enjoy the meal.

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# Gen. Jumper talks uniforms, ops, tankers

By Airman Christie Jurgens

92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

**FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFPN)** — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper talked to airmen here about upcoming changes in the Air Force during a visit to the base Aug. 22.

He shared his thoughts on the new fitness program, the new uniform, deployment issues and the acquisition of new tankers.

All of these changes were brought on by the transition to a more expeditionary Air Force, Jumper said. The transition to a new fitness program gets back to the basics with a 1.5-mile run, push-ups and sit-ups.

"We can run, do push-ups and sit-ups anywhere; it's not practical to bring a bicycle with you on a deployment," he said. "I don't think there's a person out there who actually likes the bike test. I know I don't."

Jumper also talked about new physical training gear to be introduced in January.

"We are going to try to take advantage of some of the new moisture-control fabrics without having them cost too much," he said. "What we are trying to do is make them part of the kit (airmen) get when they come out of basic training, but when you go to replace them, I don't want you having to pay \$40 for a shirt."

Another major change in the fitness program will be to place responsibility on the chain of command to ensure physical standards are met.

"I want the squadrons to help each other take the test," Jumper said.

Another change the Air Force is researching is a replacement for the current battle dress uniform.

"Anyone who wears the current uniform knows the first time you take it to the dry cleaners that will be the last time any air passes through it. And a lot of times we find ourselves out on ramps in 115-degree temperatures," he said.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

**Maj. Trish Mauldin, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, leads squadron members in a formation run.**

Researchers are experimenting with the same materials the Marines use in their new uniforms.

"With the borrowing of the material, we also borrow the durability and wash-and-wear characteristics, which saves our people money," said Jumper.

"Right now we are still in the test stages," he said. "We are still playing with the different camouflage patterns."

Three hundred uniforms are being tested in hot and cold conditions. The people doing the testing and suggesting the improvements are airmen doing their jobs out in the field, Jumper said.

"All I ask is that you give (them) a try, and then decide if you like them or not," he said.

Both of these changes are designed to make deployments more comfortable for airmen and increase productivity, Jumper said.

Jumper said a return to the normal air and space expeditionary force cycles is in sight.

"We have two 120-day cycles that are planned right now," he said. "That should get all of our reconstitution done, give people time to catch their breath and then we should start back into the normal cycle in March."

He added that there would be modifications to the current procedures, but generally the changes are going to continue to make life easier for airmen.

Another change senior leaders are studying is how the service branches can better work together, Jumper said.

"It's a matter of taking a conscious look at what the real requirements and the real threats are, and responding to those," Jumper said.

Addressing the proposed lease of new aerial refueling aircraft, the general said if the deal is closed, he is confident the transition will be quick.

Air Force officials selected, and the Defense Department has approved, the Boeing 767 as its tanker candidate. The new aircraft will be able to deliver 20 percent more fuel than the 43-year-old KC-135E model. It can be refueled in flight and has the capability to refuel Air Force, Navy, Marine and allied aircraft on every mission.

"We should be able to do the same mission with fewer airplanes, and we don't take away the crews, so the crew ratios will be higher," he said. "If you have a higher crew ratio, you get an airplane that is more reliable (and is) available more of the time, and we should be able to make this job easier even if the ops tempo stays high," Jumper said.

The new fitness program, the new uniform, the potential integration of the newest tanker into the fleet and other changes in the forecast shows the Air Force is continually improving itself for its airmen, Jumper said.

"We have proven in our recent battles that we are the world's greatest Air Force," he said. "And, while it may be tough to constantly improve the best, the Air Force continues to do so."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

## Money talks

First Lt. Jason Williams, Tech. Sgt. Joe Harris and Stan Phillips, 509th Comptroller Squadron, read a financial spread sheet. The 509th CPTS is gearing up for end-of-fiscal-year spending Sept. 30. Unit resource advisers must work closely with the 509th CPTS to buy unfunded supplies for their squadrons. Requests for funds and equipment that benefit the wing are given priority.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

## Ever ready

Airman 1st Class Kyle Field, 509th Maintenance Squadron, uses a Camsim to scan the body of Airman 1st Class James Faria, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, for contaminants. The two are participating in a class for contamination control team members. The contamination control team is called into action for exercises and real-world situations. Members of the 509th CES Readiness Flight also prepare Whiteman members for the rigors of nuclear, chemical and biological warfare.

## Centennial of Flight



Having dropped their landing gear at sea to gain speed, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon prepare to land at Wenatchee, Wash. They flew 4,558 miles nonstop in 41 hours.

## Sortie board



### Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	630.0	379.2	404.6
Flown	62.1	38.8	48.4

### Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6,050.0	5,395.0	4,200.0
Flown	7,041.7	5,015.8	3,934.0



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

## Teachin'

Master Sgt. John Vassallo, 509th Bomb Wing, answers a question for a first-term airman regarding the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Vassallo briefed the newest 509ers on the law of armed conflict, the UCMJ and the penalties military members face for infractions like driving under the influence.

# 509th loses one of its own

Retired Tech. Sgt. Rustine "Rusti" Rideout, a former 509er and a college professor at the Boonville, Mo., Correctional Facility, died Aug. 31 from injuries sustained during an automobile accident in rural Jackson County, Mo.

Rideout was stationed here from September 1997 until his retirement Oct. 31, 2002. During his tour here, Rideout served as the NCO in charge of the base chapel. He also provided support to the 509th Bomb Wing as the wing resource adviser and recognized as the 509th BW Resource Adviser of the Year.

The 41-year-old was born to Richard and Barbara Rideout in Washburn, Maine. After joining the Air Force in October 1982, Rideout filled much of his time pursuing off-duty education. He obtained numerous degrees from several different colleges during his 20 years of service.



"With all his rough exterior, the private Rusti Rideout had a heart of gold that very few people had a chance to see," said Chaplain (Maj.) Ben Teague, 442nd Fighter Wing. Teague officiated the memorial service at the base chapel. The funeral takes place at 11 a.m. today at the Higginsville, Mo., Veteran's Cemetery.

Rideout's awards include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Com-

mendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

Rideout is survived by his brother, Fredrick Rideout of Holton, Maine, who suffers from cerebral palsy. Memorial contributions are suggested to cerebral palsy in care of the Williams Funeral Chapel in Warrensburg.

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**A 24-hour Prisoner Of War and Missing In Action vigil run begins at 4 p.m. Sept. 18.**



Volunteers are needed from each squadron to fill the time slots. Water will be provided and lights will be on during the night.

To volunteer, call Airman 1st Class Rachel Thompson, Whiteman Airmen's Council vice president, at 687-1411.

4-4:30 p.m. — 509th Bomb Wing Senior Leadership  
 4:30-5 p.m. — 509th Operations Group Command Staff  
 5-5:30 p.m. — 509th Maintenance Group Command Staff  
 5:30-6 p.m. — 509th Mission Support Command Staff  
 6-6:30 p.m. — 509th Med Group Command Staff  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. — 325th Bomb Squadron  
 7:30-9:30 p.m. — 509th Services Squadron  
 9:30-11:30 p.m. — 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
 11:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. — 509th Communications Squadron  
 12:30-1:30a.m. — 509th Civil Engineer Squadron  
 1:30-2:30 a.m. — 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
 2:30-3:30 a.m. — 509th Operations Support Squadron  
 3:30-4:30 a.m. — 509th Mission Support Squadron  
 4:30-5:30 a.m. — 509th Medical Operations Squadron  
 5:30-6:30 a.m. — 509th Munitions Squadron  
 6:30-7:30 a.m. — 509th Medical Support Squadron  
 7:30-9:30 a.m. — 509th Security Forces Squadron  
 9:30-10:30 a.m. — 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron  
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — 509th Maintenance Squadron  
 12:30-1:30 p.m. — 393rd Bomb Squadron  
 1:30-2:30 p.m. — 509th Contracting Squadron  
 2:30-3:30 p.m. — 394th Combat Training Squadron  
 3:30-3:50 p.m. — First-Term Airmen Center



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**Tech. Sgt. Aaron Powell, and Airmen Kelly Myers and Darryl Donaldson discuss job options within the medical career field. They're members of the 509th Medical Group.**

## *1st Sergeant's View*

*(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Every other week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)*

**By Tech. Sgt. Aaron Powell**

509th Medical Group Additional Duty First Sergeant

I'm sure at one time you've noticed an airman who finished a duty day, left the base and forgot about the standards we strive to uphold. I know I've seen an airman, in front of a local supercenter or hardware store in uniform, but without a hat, or using loud and foul language.

As officers, NCOs and airmen it's our responsibility to curb substandard behavior. Better yet, as military members it's necessary we represent the military, Air Force, base and unit to the highest standard. We are the public and as such we're looked up to as pillars in our community.

We're all recruiters. For the most part, we do a great job representing the Air Force. As testimony to that, we're seeing significant increases in the number of Air Force members entering the service. Since September 2002, more than 37,000 people entered basic military training. The number of folks coming into the service is still rising. The Air Force isn't only doing well enlisting men and women, but the number of officers entering critical career fields is rising.

Some facts to remember the next time you're out and someone asks you about your service and the benefits it offers:

- ✓ Air Force training is accredited — people who chose to come in are automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force, which happens to be the world's largest accredited community college. People can earn 12 to 72 accredited hours through Air Force technical training in one of many enlisted career fields.

- ✓ You get an opportunity to see the world.

- ✓ The Air Force offers some of the most competitive pay and leave benefits in the world.

Our recruiters do an outstanding job recruiting the best and brightest, and filling the voids we feel on the front line, in the hospital, on the flightline, at the front gate and in the dining facility. But, it's up to us to represent our service well. Lead the way for others to follow.

The next time you're out shopping or standing outside your off-base house, take inventory and ask yourself, "Is the representation I'm making a positive one? Am I a recruiter for tomorrow's future?"



**Did you know you can fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266, Hometown News Release, for a variety of accomplishments? For more details, call Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp at 687-6130.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

## Down to earth

Mike Daggett, Bob Claburn and Mike Adams, Reisbeck Construction workers, level a retaining wall before building a new curb on Houx Drive. The retaining wall and curb are being built as a housing renovation project in the Midlands area.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

## Dig this

Airman 1st Class John Renner, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Pavement and Equipment Flight, levels a driveway with a motor grader near Bldg. 186. Motor graders are used to level the ground evenly before surfaces can be paved. The motor grader is regularly used for large projects that would be too time consuming for a crew of workers. The 33-person pavement and equipment shop completes more than 20 projects monthly using backhoes, loaders, dump trucks and various other construction equipment.

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# Spirit Spotlights

... on Airmen Against Drunk Driving dispatchers and drivers, **Airman Jason Hastings**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron; **Airmen 1st Class Senequa Harris**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Michael Tiangco**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Micah Jacobsen**, 509th CS, and **Chantha Ouch**, 509th CS; Senior Airmen **Kenneth Westrum**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Kelly Johnson**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, **Brandy Moore**, 509th Bomb Wing, and **Michael Tangen**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; and **Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp**, 509th BW.

... on **Staff Sgts. Caleb Dick**, 509th CS and **Marcia Little**, 509th Medical Group; and **Airmen 1st Class Joshua Romanski**, 509th CES, **Neoklis Martin**, 509th BW, **Kerry Kimble**, 509th MXS, **Joshua Arledge**, 509th LRS, **Brandon Kane**, 509th Munitions Squadron, and **Ozell Gates**, 509 MXS, for earning a score above 90 percent on their career development

course end of tests.

... on Airmen's Council board members **Airmen 1st Class Phillip James**, president; **Rachel Thompson**, vice president; **Erick Camacho**, secretary; **Senior Airman Jacob Ortiz**, treasurer; and **Airmen 1st Class Timothy Sullivan**, historian; and **Corrie Cruz**, trustee.

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## Whiteman Spirit Award



**Djuan Franklin**

509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Djuan Franklin, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Thursday.

Maj. Kevin Raybine, 394th Combat Training Squadron, nominated Franklin for processing last-minute paperwork.

Raybine said a 394th CTS member submitted end-of-year fallout requests to the 509th Operations Group. However, the request was not coordinated with the 509th CES.

"We were told unless the paperwork and coordination was done before 4 p.m. that day, we would not receive the funds," the major said.

After learning about the situation, Raybine went to the 509th CES willing to help and coordinate the paperwork to receive \$9,000 worth of office systems furniture.

"Djuan sat for the next 6.5 hours researching and typing up the paperwork needed to meet the suspense," Raybine said. "He indicated several times this was above and beyond his job, but would do what he could, 'no guarantees.'"

With Franklin's help, the suspense was met and the squadron was allowed to purchase the needed items.

"This would not have been accomplished without his support," Raybine said. "I have not received dedicated customer support like that since my arrival at Whiteman. It was awesome."

### Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** Construction inspector

**Time on station:** 11 months

**Hometown:** Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Spouse:** Orie

**Children:** Jasmine, 6, and Matrika, 23 months

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family.

**Goals:** To finish my engineering degree.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The closeness of the base population.

**Pet Peeves:** Individual lack of patience.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** The professionalism and team spirit of the interior design section.

**If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?** People's understanding of the interior design and engineering process.

### Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee.

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail [whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil).

*Submitting* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Civilian Employee*  
*of the Week*

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# Community center: ‘a relaxing place of recreation’

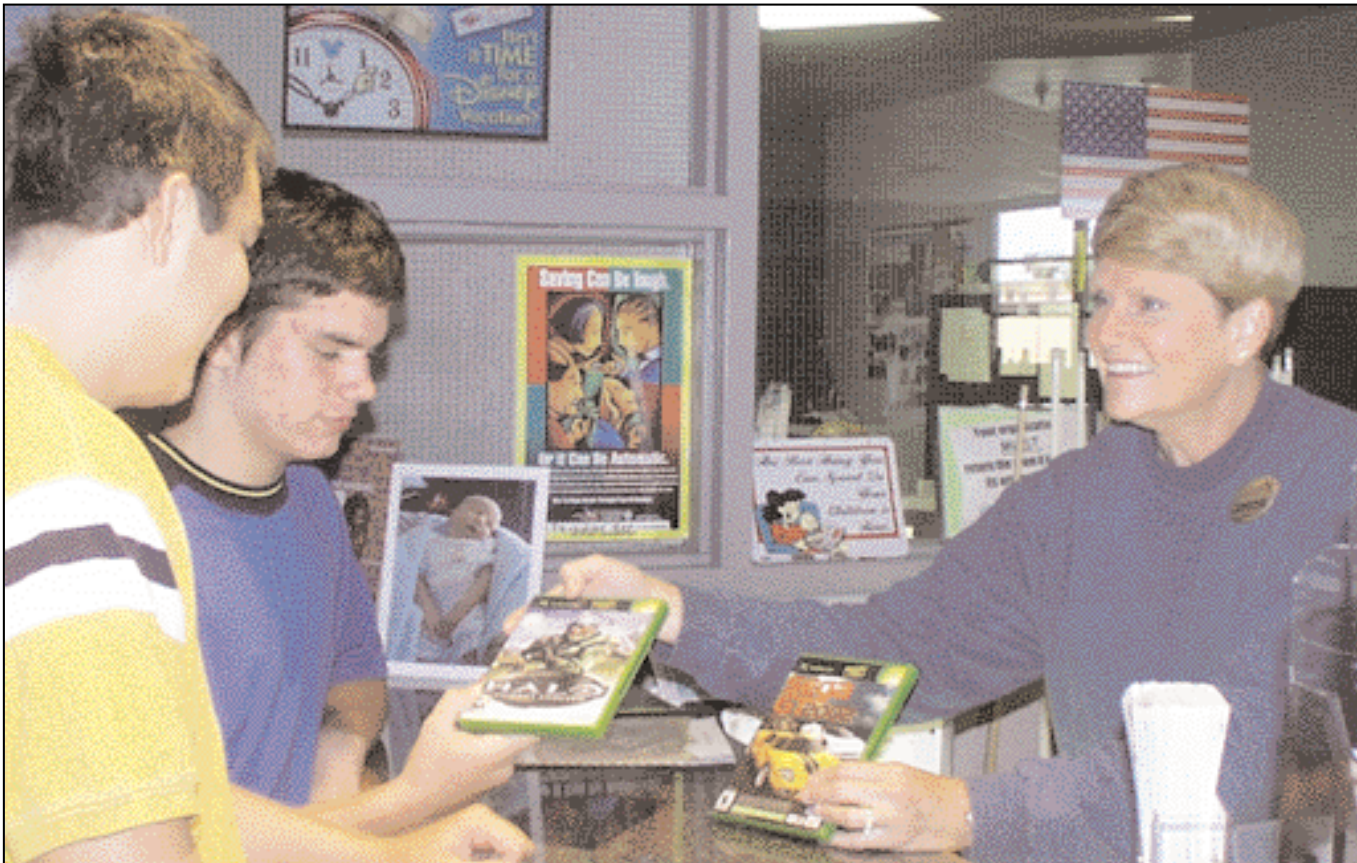


Airman 1st Class Cody Scott, 509th Munitions Squadron, shoots pool in the community center's game room. Airmen can play pick-up games or participate in a free tournament at 7 p.m. Fridays. The community center provides a place for airmen and civilians to relax and play games.

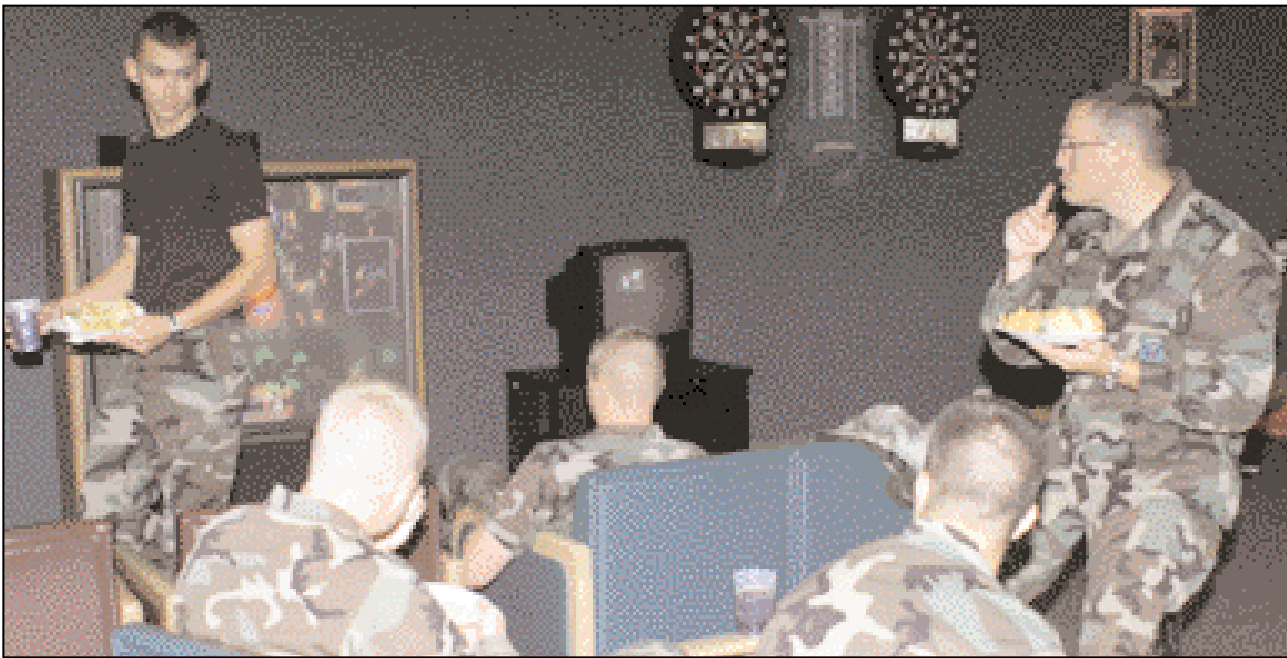


Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

First Lt. Shaloka Reed, Staff Sgt. Tracy Wallace and Tech. Sgt. Elsie Houey, 509th Services Squadron, prepare food in one of the community center's two conference rooms for a squadron farewell party. The community center also has a dance room and a ballroom that features a 9x9-foot screen used for showing movies, cable TV and PowerPoint presentations. The ballroom also has a stage for performances and the room can seat more than 200 people. The community center's four staff members help organize, coordinate and plan Boy and Girl Scouts events, photo contests and pool tournaments. The community center also offers a free movie and popcorn night at 4 p.m. Saturdays.



Community center director Connie Koch hands Ryan Morton and Mac Mesecher video games. Community center patrons can check out video games and play them at the facility. People can pick up brochures and information about events and tourist attractions including places in Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis. The Tickets & Travel office, also in the community center, sells tickets to attractions throughout the country. Ryan's parents are Tech. Sgt. Darrell and Tara Morton, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Mac's parents are Army Pvt. Donald and Donna Mesecher, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea.



First-Term Airmen Center students relax during their introduction to the community center. The facility's multi-purpose game room features a 37-inch screen TV and four additional TVs, two pool tables, two mini basketball hoop games, table soccer, two ping-pong tables, two electronic dart boards, air hockey, table hockey and a snack area with vending machines. There is no charge to play a game.



Airman 1st Class Ruben Zamora, 509th Maintenance Squadron, teaches Bob Raciopoppo, 509th Services Squadron, basic salsa dancing movements. Zamora teaches a free salsa dancing class at 7 p.m. Fridays in the dance room. People can reserve the dance room, two meeting rooms and the ballroom free for events such as blood drives, wedding receptions, weddings and children's events. To reserve a room, a facility reservation form must be filled out at the community center. Rooms can be reserved up to one year in advance. For more details, call 687-5617.



# What’s happening

## Parents meet Wednesday

A parent advisory meeting for parents of children who attend the youth center, child development center and in-home daycare takes place 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the youth center. Attendees will learn how to make fun and healthy snacks for their children. Staff Sgt. Matt Normand, health and wellness center, will teach the class. Lunch is provided. For more details, call the youth center at 687-5586.

## ALS sets class 03-G events

✔ The airman leadership school class 03-G retreat ceremony begins at 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at the flagpole at Bldg.

509. Participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m.  
✔ Reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at the ALS drill pad. Arrival time is 7:25 a.m.  
✔ Graduation begins at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at Mission’s End. The speaker is Chief Master. Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant. The meal is London broil with roasted potatoes and vegetables. The cost is \$14.75 for members and \$16.75 for nonmembers. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from class 03-G members.

## Fort, base schedule retiree days

✔ The 24th annual Fort Leonard Wood Retiree Appre-

ciation Day takes place Sept. 12-13. The event offers a golf tournament, buffet dinner, tours and health expo. For more details, visit <http://www.wood.army.mil/RSO/RAD2003.htm>.

✔ Whiteman’s Retiree Appreciation Day begins at 7 a.m. Sept. 20. The day’s events offer medical screenings, and representatives will brief on the Tricare and survivor benefits programs, casualty assistance, and base tours. The military personnel flight is open noon-4:30 p.m. that day and vehicle registration is available 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at eh visitor’s center. To register a vehicle, bring vehicle registration and proof of insurance. Lunch is available at Mission’s End, Ozark Inn , Stars & Strikes, and the base exchange.

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# Gridiron Challenge

The Gridiron Challenge is a weekly competition between the 509th Bomb Wing and its groups, the 442nd Fighter Wing and Missouri Army National Guard. A different person from each unit picks for their unit. The winner gets a free meal from the 509th Services Squadron.








## Week one

**NFL**

Chargers at Chiefs  
Ravens at Steelers  
Patriots at Bills  
Bucs at Eagles  
Rams at Giants

**NCAA**

Maryland at Florida State  
Florida at Miami  
Oklahoma at Alabama  
Washington State at Notre Dame  
Boston College at Penn State

BW	OG	MXG	MSG	MedGp	442nd	MOARNG
						
<b>Col. Ned Schoeck</b>	<b>Senior Airman Jeffrey Miller</b>	<b>Senior Airman Jon Fernandez</b>	<b>2nd Lt. Nathan Hogan</b>	<b>Staff Sgt. Ed McCaffrey</b>	<b>Tech. Sgt. Kevan Taylor</b>	<b>Army Capt. Nick Miller</b>
Chiefs Steelers Patriots Eagles Giants	Chiefs Steelers Patriots Bucs Rams	Chiefs Steelers Patriots Eagles Rams	Chiefs Steelers Patriots Bucs Rams	Chiefs Steelers Bills Eagles Rams	Chiefs Steelers Bills Bucs Rams	Chiefs Steelers Bills Bucs Rams
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## Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

### Horseback riding adventure

Travel to Buck and Spurs Ranch in Ava, Mo., for a week-end of horseback riding 10 a.m. Sept. 13 to 3 p.m. Sept. 14. The \$175 includes six hours of horseback riding, one-night lodging, dinner, breakfast and transportation. Other activities include, swimming, fishing, hiking, sand volleyball, arrowhead hunting, a wagon ride and more. Sign up by Sunday.

### 2003 Volksmarch Centennial of Flight

Walk or run the 10k trail 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 20 at Knob Noster State Park. Sign up by Sept. 17. If you are interested in volunteering, call outdoor recreation.

### September Outdoor Recreation Specials

- ✓ Rent a bass tracker pro 16 or 17 series for \$10 off the regular price.
- ✓ Rent a TV/VCR combo for half price.
- ✓ Receive \$5 off the normal price of a Rinse-N-Vac carpet cleaner.

RV storage lot payments are due Oct. 1.

## Child Development Center 687-5588

### Day care openings available

The child development center has full-time openings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Call for more details.

## Youth Center 687-5586

### Worlds of Fun

Fifth through seventh graders can take a trip to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, Mo., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sept. 13. The \$10 cost includes transportation. The cost is offset by a Torch Club fundraiser. Sign up begins Monday.

### Members-only fun night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play bingo to win prizes during members-only fun night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 12. Sign up begins Monday. Call the youth center to learn more about becoming a member.

## Community Center 687-5617

### Video game marathon madness

Compete in three rounds of video games to win prizes 1 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2.

### 'The Great Passion Play'

Gather your friends and family, and take a trip to Eureka Springs, Ark., to watch "The Great Passion Play" 1 p.m. Sept. 27 to 2 a.m. Sept. 28. The cost of \$30 includes transportation. Bring money for dinner at Lamberts in Ozark, Mo. Sign up before Sept. 24.

## Fitness Center 687-5496

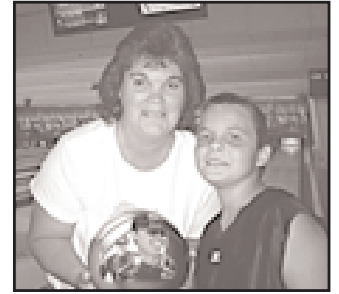
### Enduring Freedom run

Runners and walkers can participate in a free 5k run beginning at 7 a.m. Thursday. Squadrons interested in forming an eleven-member squad should contact the fitness center. Sponsored in-part by Fowler's Family Autos.\*



## Congratulations Fast Lanes promotion winners!

Left: Preston Dome, 509th Services Squadron, presents the Coca-Cola NASCAR racing hood to Senior Airman Maurice Caton, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Right: Stars & Strikes patrons Cindy Lancaster and her son, William, won the Rusty Wallace NASCAR bowling ball. Sponsored in-part by Crown Ford.\*



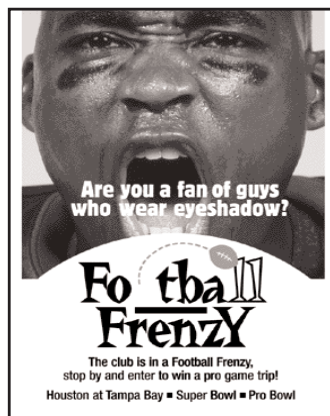
## Mission's End 687-4422

### Prime rib buffet

Enjoy a prime rib buffet 5:30-8 p.m. today. The cost is \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers.

### NFL Sunday ticket

Watch your favorite NFL teams on four plasma TVs beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday.



## Skills Development Center 687-5691

### Framing class

Students can learn how to cut glass and join a frame 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday or 6-9 p.m. Sept. 25. The cost of \$40 includes supplies.

### Stained glass sale

Receive 25 percent off in-stock stained glass in September.

### Fall craft fair

The annual fall craft fair takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 20. Vendors can reserve space now. The vendor fee is \$10.

## Auto Skills 687-5689

### Lift certification

Receive certification to operate the vehicle lift at auto skills 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday.

## Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

### Orientation class

Receive free training to become a licensed family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 15-19. Sign up by Thursday. Visit the family child care office to pick up a registration package.

## Teen Center 687-5819

### TeenSupreme Keystone Club

The TEENSUpreme Keystone Club meets 7-8 p.m. Monday. This free leadership club offers help to others through community service. For more information, contact the teen center.

### TRAIL meeting

Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership Club members meet 7-8 p.m. Wednesday and 7-8 p.m. Sept. 24 at the teen center.

## Magic challenge

Challenge fellow teens to the card game "Magic" in a double-elimination tournament 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Sign up by Wednesday. This is a free event.

## Worlds of Fun

Gather your friends and take a trip to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, Mo., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sept. 13. Cost is \$28 for admission and transportation. Bring money for snacks. Sign up by Wednesday at the teen center.

## Stars & Strikes 687-5114

### Breakfast

Stars & Strikes is open for breakfast 7-9:30 a.m. weekdays and 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturdays. There will be weekly drawings for a free breakfast.

### Weekday bowling special

Enjoy 75-cent bowling and \$1 shoes 11 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

### Monday night bowling special

Stars & Strikes offers a bowling special 5-9 p.m. Mondays. Enjoy 75-cent games and 50-cent shoe rental.

## Library 687-5614

### Learn Microsoft PowerPoint

Beginners can take a free Microsoft PowerPoint class 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday at the base education and training center computer lab or 9-10:30 a.m. Friday at the library. Sign up by Wednesday.

### Story time

Story time for youth ages 3-5 begins at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the library. Sponsored in-part by the commissary.

## Whiteman Base Theater

### Friday and Saturday Pirates of the Caribbean

7 p.m. PG-13

Starring — Johnny Depp & Geoffrey Rush  
Set in the Caribbean Sea in the 17th century, Jack Sparrow, a charming rogue pirate, teams up with the governor's daughter to stop the evil plan of a ship of dangerous pirates led by Captain Barbossa. Barbossa and his crew are trying to reverse an ancient curse that leaves them stuck between life and death.

### Sunday Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life

5:30 p.m. PG-13

Starring — Angelina Jolie & Gerard Butler  
Lara Croft, travels to a sunken underwater temple, it leads her to a sphere that contains the mythical Pandora's Box, only to have it stolen from her by Chen Lo, the leader of a Chinese crime syndicate. Lo is in a league with a bad guy named Reiss, who wants to use the box as a doomsday weapon.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50  
Movie recording line 687-5110.  
Movies are subject to change due to availability.